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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 27, 2004, ("Action") for the above-identified patent application, please amend the claims as indicated and consider the remarks below.

The sections included in this response are as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on **page 2** of this paper.

**A Remarks section** begins on **page 6** of this paper.